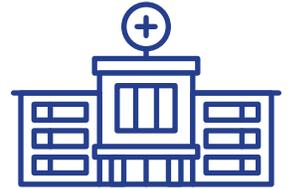


# Contact Tracing Can Contain Infectious Disease Outbreaks

If you are diagnosed with a certain disease, you will be asked by the Alabama Department of Public Health about everyone with whom you have had contact. The Department will talk to each person and ask them about their health. This is called contact tracing. It is a core public health function and helps prevent the spread of disease. Contact Tracing is done to find people who may have been exposed to COVID-19 and provide them with information, including home orders to quarantine, if applicable.

## 1. Patient Isolated & Provided Care



## 2. Patient asked about their contacts.



Contact shows symptoms & is isolated, tested & provided care.

Patient asked about contacts.

Contacts watched for symptoms for a certain number of days.

Cycle repeats until there are no new patients.



Contact shows symptoms & is isolated, tested & provided care.

Patient asked about contacts.

If no contacts, no further spread of the disease.



Missed contact may spread disease to new contacts.

Public health system works to eliminate missed contacts.



Contact shows no symptoms after a certain number of days.

Contact not at risk of developing the disease.

## 3. Contacts will be watched for symptoms for a certain number of days.

